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Re: proposed Court Rule No 2003-47

I would like to take this opportunity to dispute the proposed Court Rule No 2003-47. I worked for the National Steel Corporation for over 30 years. During my employment, I was exposed to asbestos on numerous occasions. At that time the dangers of asbestos were not known. Today there are many innocent victims who suffer from their exposure to asbestos. It is completely unconstitutional to rob these victims of their right to a trial by jury.

The Michigan Constitution as well as the United States Constitution makes it clear that judges are not to make the law but rather interpret the law. Why is the Michigan Supreme Court even considering taking steps that would effectively change the law by denying Michigan asbestos disease victims their right to a jury trial.

It seems that Michigan and the Michigan Supreme Court are being used as tools of the asbestos industry and big business to deny working people their constitutional rights to jury trials when harmed by corporate misconduct.

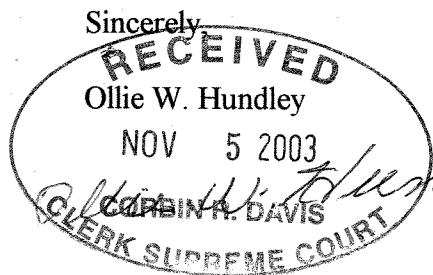
The crisis in the State of Michigan regarding asbestos litigation is the fact that big business, corporations, the asbestos industry and law firms like Dickinson Wright feel free to try to take working peoples' lawsuits out of court and away from juries.

The real crisis in Michigan is the failure of corporations to take responsibility for their bad actions and the willingness of big business and certain conservative republican judges to blame the victims of corporate misconduct instead of holding the corporations accountable.

What are the true facts about asbestos litigation in Michigan? In fact, in the last four years, there has been one asbestos case tried to verdict in the entire State of Michigan. All other cases settle before trial.

The proposed Court Rule No 2003-47 is unconstitutional. It denies working class citizens of Michigan their constitutional rights.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
  
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